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1. AMBASSADOR PRESENTED POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 2, REFTEL B, RE DEPARTMENT'S AND NSF'S POSITION ON RENEWAL OF NSF/NCST MOU TO NCST PRESIDENT URSU THIS MORNING (SEPT 7). REMEDIES TO PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE HAMPERED JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PAST, OUTLINED IN PARA 5, REFTEL B, NOT CONVEYED TO URSU AS DISCUSSION OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD APPEAR TO BE BEST LEFT TO U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM.
2. PRESIDENT URSU THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR GOOD NEWS THAT DEPARTMENT AND NSF WISH TO RENEW MOU. HE NOTED THAT NCST PREFERENCE IS TO RENEW MOU IN ITS CURRENT FORM. HOWEVER, HE WANTED TO GIVE HIS ASSURANCE THAT NCST WOULD WORK IN POSITIVE WAY WITH U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM TO FIND BEST MODALITY FOR FUTURE COOPERATION, ONE WHICH WOULD SURMOUNT PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED IN PAST.
3. WITH RESPECT TO TIMING OF VISIT OF U.S. TEAM, PRESIDENT URSU SUGGESTED THAT LATE OCTOBER OR PREFERABLY EARLY NOVEMBER WOULD BE BEST FOR NCST,
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INASMUCH AS DRAFT MOU NOT YET IN HAND AND LATER TIMEFRAME WOULD ALLOW NCST PERIOD TO STUDY DRAFT MOU AND TO PREPARE POSITION. PLEASE ADVISE THIS POINT.

4. AMBASSADOR NOTED THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON IN MID-OCTOBER AND

SUGGESTED THAT ANOTHER MEETING PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
AND AFTER NCST HAS RECEIVED DRAFT MOU WOULD BE USEFUL
IN PROVIDING HIM WITH APPRECIATION OF NCST POSITION
FOR USE DURING HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. PRESIDENT
URSU ACCEPTED THIS SUGGESTION.
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